

The District 3 Slate

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County Supervisor Pam Slater

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Dear friends:

Summer is traditionally a time for vacations and slowing down a bit, but here at the County, things are moving at full speed.

This edition of *The District 3 Slate* reports on a number of important issues.

We're moving ahead on the County's budget, when we make sure our finances are in sound shape and we save taxpayer money.

District Attorney Paul Pfingst, Supervisor Ron Roberts and I moved forward on a proposal that would help better protect young women from the dangers of drug rape.

We're moving ahead with plans to build a new North County Animal Shelter.

Finally, we're moving ahead with acquiring more open space in the County, so you and future generations will be able to enjoy wide open spaces.

It's a busy summer for the Third District.

Pam Slater

New homes, new shelter: North County home builder helps to fund new county animal shelter

County Supervisor Pam Slater and representatives of 4S Ranch have announced that the North County home builder will contribute \$350,000 to help build a new North County Animal Shelter.

The contribution marks the first significant private donation to the shelter and kicks off the private fund-raising campaign for the shelter.

"4S Ranch deserves a round of applause and a lot of tail-wagging for what they've done," Slater said.

"The County badly needs to replace our existing shelter so we can provide the animals with better facilities and make the shelter more receptive to adoptions. This contribution helps immensely."

Planning and design already are underway for the new shelter, which will be built on the existing site.

County staff estimates the new shelter will cost about \$6 million to build. Including 4S Ranch's contribution, the funds available now total about \$3.6 million.

"We at the 4S Ranch have always been committed to our community," said Mike Rust,

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Photo courtesy of North County Times

Smiles all around: Mike Rust of 4S Kelwood Partnership, far right, Supervisor Pam Slater, second from right, and county animal control officials commemorate the donation from 4S Ranch, which donated a total of \$350,000 for a new shelter.

Date rape drugs, Prop. 36 are a hazardous mix, Board says

It would be inconceivable to allow a criminal who illegally possessed a gun to simply attend gun safety classes as punishment for the crime. Yet state law treats one weapon in a similar way. That weapon is a date rape drug.

Acting on the recommendations of Supervisor Pam Slater, Supervisor Ron Roberts and District Attorney Paul Pfingst, the Board of Supervisors this month decided to seek changes in state law that would prevent offenders convicted of illegally

possessing date rape drugs from being eligible for treatment under the provisions of Proposition 36.

"We cannot allow these predators to illegally possess weapons of sexual assault and then only pay the price of education classes once a week for three months as punishment," Slater said.

Prop. 36 requires non-violent drug offenders to be sentenced to treatment instead of state prison or local custody.

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Wide open spaces: County gets grant funds to preserve habitat

Thousands of acres of open space will be left in their natural state, thanks to grant funding the County of San Diego received earlier this year.

The County received a grant of \$6.1 million and a separate grant of \$3 million to acquire more than 5,300 acres of the Santa Ysabel Wildlife area near Julian.

The County also received \$11 million to purchase thousands of acres in the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife area near Jamul.

Much of the funding came from the Wildlife Conservation



A Natural Beauty: The county's picturesque backcountry is showcased here from this view on Edwards Ranch, looking out toward Volcan Mountain, north of Julian. The County recently received grants to set aside open space in the backcountry.

Board, a state agency.

"Future generations will thank us for setting aside this open space and preserving the natural splendor of these areas," said Supervisor Pam Slater.

"The land in the Santa Ysabel Wildlife area will become part of the San Dieguito River Park, and the Hollenbeck Canyon land will preserve an important corridor for wildlife and habitat."

Shelter:

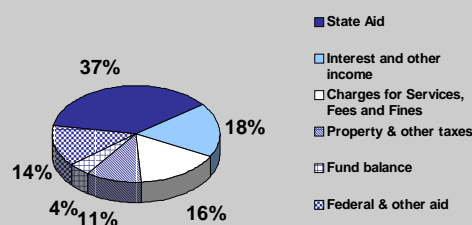
Vice President of Newland Communities and managing partner of the 4S Kelwood Partnership. "We hope this contribution kicks off a private sector commitment to completing this important project."

Tom Ralphs, representing the Ralphs Family, the original owner of 4S Ranch, said "Our family has always loved animals. As a partner in the community, one of our visions for 4S Ranch is to help provide resources for important needs in San Diego. This contribution will set the foundation for the private sector to step forward and provide a new shelter."

Slater also thanked the other members of the Ralphs Family and said the new shelter should increase adoptions and reduce the number of shelter pets that are euthanized.

Where the money comes from, where it goes

Total revenue by source

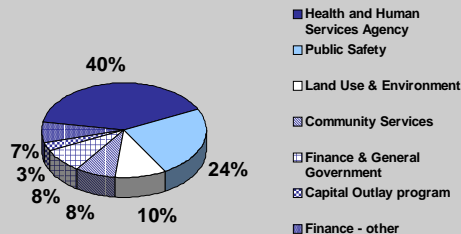


The County has released its proposed budget for the next two years, laying out a spending plan of \$3.7 billion starting July 1.

In the next fiscal year, the County will begin building a new Juvenile Hall in Otay Mesa, finish building six new branch libraries (including one in Cardiff), and add \$3 million in funding for parks programs.

"This balanced budget reflects the

Total spending by group



priorities of the Board," said Supervisor Pam Slater. "It shows fiscal responsibility by maintaining proper reserves, planning ahead for tomorrow's needs and no wasteful spending."

The budget also includes \$12 million into programs that help prevent juvenile crime and an expansion of children's mental health programs by 15 percent.

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